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THINGS

Did you ever stop to think of the tyranny of things? We fill our homes with them, not because they are useful or beautiful, but because we could get a bargain when we bought them, because someone gave them to us, because they are too good to throw away, or because we just accept their existence without thought. And so we spend many minutes each day, many days each year in the course of our life, in dusting them, rearranging them, packing them away, airing them, cleaning them, that we might so much better spend in some better way, if we only had the nerve to face the tyrant, "Things," and do away with it once and for all.

Modern ways of living have done much to affect a partial liberation from this tyrant. We have done away with the old-fashioned what-not filled to overflowing with stuffed birds, wax flowers, clove apples, china animals, beaded pin-cushions, cotton rabbits and such things which always occupied the principal corner of that sacred precinct, the parlor, which was usually so carefully darkened and so religiously locked up from contamination of the profane touch of the other members of the family by the careful housewife and only opened upon state occasions such as the visit of the minister, or a funeral or wedding. Instead we have turned our parlors into real living rooms and have eliminated to a large extent much useless and far from beautiful bric-a-brac. And this is certainly a move in the right direction, for after all, homes should be made and maintained in such a way as to secure the greatest amount of comfort to each and every member of the family, and in the average family, fortunately, weddings and funerals and such like state occasions are hardly frequent enough occurrences to warrant the dedication of the best and most comfortable room in the house to them alone.

But still, if we look about us, I am afraid that the old hydra-headed monster, "Things," still retains some of his heads. For what many of us have removed from our parlors, we have delegated, not to the scrap heap, but to the attic or to some other part of the house where they still remain the boggy-man of house-cleaning days, where they still have to be sorted and dusted and aired and packed, and where they form a depressing atmosphere because they clutter up the store-rooms and occupy much space that might better be given over to the cleansing, wholesome influence of light and air and sunshine.

For disease germs love to lurk in dark places, dust loves to accumulate in rubbish, foul odors cling to refuse, and a good fire in the back alley or the furnace is a splendid antidote for the evil influence of just "things." Take a look about you if you don't believe this, and see how many just "things" which possess no intrinsic, or intellectual, or artistic, or esthetic, or useful value, you yourself are being made the slave of. House-cleaning time will soon be here and downward cleaning time, and that said bonfire is a fine weapon to aid in slaying the last head of that hydra-headed monster which has so long held sway over us.

THE CITY PRIMARY ELECTION

Every citizen of Alma should remember the importance of next Monday, because it is primary election day, and the men who are to manage the business affairs of the city for the coming two years are to be nominated. This nomination is equivalent to two years are to be nominated.

The city of Alma is a large corporation and the interests of over seven thousand people are involved. The management of a city is a big undertaking in any case, but this is unusually so in the city of Alma because so many things need immediate attention on account of the very rapid development of the city during recent years. Developments and improvements are needed on every hand, and call for a large expenditure of money which must be supplied by the people of the city in the way of taxes. The wise expenditure of this money is of vital importance and we are all equally interested that we shall get value received in the way of improvements.

It goes without saying that the men who are to manage city affairs should be men of unquestioned integrity, sound business judgment, and a broad vision as to the city's needs and possibilities. It is further evident that every citizen should recognize a personal responsibility, and the only way that can be done is in attending the primary and exercising the right of franchise in the nomination of men who are to manage the affairs. Everyone who intends to make a home in Alma should be interested in this election. The women have recently come into the right of franchise. They are especially interested in the homes and for that reason they should turn out at the polls and do their duty on election day.

It is easy enough to complain and find fault. But we have no right to find fault if we do not do our part in the election of our officials. Further than that we should back up and co-operate with our officials after they are elected. The place to lodge our complaints is with the mayor, commission, or city manager, and not on the street corners. We should ascertain all the facts before we criticize and not start something on hear-say.

We are all citizens of Alma. Our interests are mutual, our responsibilities equal, consequently every citizen who has the right to exercise the privilege of franchise should do so next Monday. It is to the personal interest of everyone of us to do so.

Somehow or other the old-fashioned idea that work should be done thoroughly and well in as short a time as consistent with the job seems to have been lost sight of lately in the education of our youngsters. A little wholesome fatigue never hurt anyone and lameness resulting from the use of unused muscles is nothing to worry about. Rather it is a wholesome sign that such muscles are being developed. The quicker everyone is educated to the fact that honest work is both healthful, physically and wholesome morally, the better off the individual and the country will be. More real pleasure comes from the satisfaction felt by one who has accomplished something really worth while from any other source.

The only thing that will bring America back to normal is for every man to realize fully the meaning of that old adage, "Nothing is accomplished without labor," and then go to work as though his life and the destiny of the nation depended upon it. The man who has a job now-a-days can return reverent thanks for working at it in a hearty way and we will soon all be at work and happy.

If you did not say a cheerful thing to someone today or do a good turn for a neighbor or friend you have missed an opportunity to enrich your life and that of another. If the wheels of industry are to be started humming again at full speed we must each do our part. We must cheerfully swallow our loss, and recognize the inevitable results of re-adjustment.

A closed shop may be all right for all we know, but a closed factory isn't.

FOREST HILL

Mrs. Sam Epler of Alma was the guest of her cousin, E. Parsons, and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Towne Richardson spent the week end with friends at Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellison called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lutz at St. Louis Sunday.

Mrs. Merton of Saginaw attended the funeral of L. Tinkham Thursday.

Manley Dailey is visiting relatives at Clare this week.

Otis Post of Durand spent Monday night with his brother, Elmer, and family.

Dewey Failing has traded his grocery store for a farm near Elwell.

The new owner, Mr. Stark, of Lansing took possession Friday.

Mrs. Newton Smith of Alma spent Saturday with relatives in town.

R. N. Robinson is on the sick list.

Bert Failing of California came Thursday for an extended business and pleasure trip.

The school will give an entertainment at the town hall Friday evening.

Neighbors and friends of Mrs. Mabel Leland met at her home Tuesday evening to help celebrate her birthday anniversary. A fine time was reported by all present.

The services Sunday evening were well attended. Mr. May held the attention of his audience from start to finish and at the close of the service he made the "Good Confession."

Subject for next Sunday evening will be "What will you do with Christ?"

An Ideal Remedy For Constipation. It would be hard to find a better remedy for constipation than Chamberlain's Tablets. For the best effect they should be taken immediately after supper. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect.—98-5t

C. OF C. FORUM SESSION

(Continued from page one) which will be taken to headquarters and there turned over to representatives and still another need which he discussed only slightly because of the limited time was the re-opening of The Alma Grain & Lumber Company here.

He called attention to the attempt a few months ago to acquire the stock of the company and again open it, and of the failure of the attempt, because of the period of depression which had hit the country.

Joseph Winslow, the last speaker, sketched for closer relationships, especially among the business men of the city, a wider acquaintance and more thorough understanding, which would

rebound to the mutual benefit of the business man and the entire city.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church had charge of the banquet, which was one of the finest of the kind that has been held here in some time.

The committee in charge of the arrangements expressed its thanks to them for their efforts.

The committee that had charge of the forum meeting consisted of Chas. H. Goggin, Mrs. C. A. Miller, A. A. Chick, Joseph L. Biggerstaff and Mrs. J. C. Chick. Those who were unable to get in at the function may secure the remission of the ticket cost at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters.

NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED

(Continued from page one) tives from various women's organizations in the city who will cut out and make the garments needed.

These garments will then be distributed from headquarters according to the reports made by the various investigating committees. The rooms at the headquarters in the city hall will open next Monday and garments or materials or foodstuffs are hereby solicited to be delivered at the rooms.

All garments donated should be in good condition, laundered and mended.

The Alma Welfare Association is an organization which is attempting to systematize the general welfare work of the city so that those in need of temporary assistance during times of especial stress may know where to apply and so that duplication of assistance and omissions in other cases may be done away with.

All needy cases should be reported first of all to the chairman of the investigating committee of the various wards.

MRS. ELIZA POST DEAD

(Continued from page one) a hotel here. Later they purchased a farm in Pine River township and a few years after moved to St. Johns.

Mrs. Post returned to Alma again thirteen years ago, and shortly after moved to a farm near Riverdale, where she resided until six years ago, when she again moved to Alma.

She made her home on Grafton avenue for four years, and two years ago went to the home of Mrs. Gilkin, just south of Alma, where she had since resided.

The funeral was held from the home of Mrs. Gilkin Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. L. R. May officiating. The body was placed in the Post vault in Riverside cemetery beside that of the husband, who had preceded her in death.

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If you are a sufferer with lame back, backache, dizziness, nervousness and kidney disorders, why don't you try the remedy that your own neighbors recommend? Ask your neighbor!

Mrs. Homer Dunham, 124 Rockingham Ave., Alma, says: "About a year ago I had backaches. Every time I washed or did any stooping, severe pains were sure to hurt me. I was troubled mostly through the small of my back and a dull pain seemed to settle there. When I did a hard day's work, my back ached so I could just about drag myself around. Often I was so dizzy that everything seemed to spin around and I had to stand still until the spell passed over. My kidneys had me in a weak and run down condition and often I felt tired, depressed and very nervous. I saw in the paper how Doan's Kidney Pills had been used by many people with good results and I decided to give them a trial. I purchased a box at Murphy's Drug Store, and they cured me."

60 cents at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—adv.—89-3w.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alma Home and Improvement Co. will be held at the city hall on Tuesday evening, March 8th.—Albert Cook, Secy. 88-2t

Money spent with us buys not only good coal but satisfaction and reliability as well. Brown-Ward Co., phone 27.—60tf.

Run Down?

Kidney and bladder troubles are not limited to men. Housework, or work in office or factory, causes women to suffer from weak, overworked or diseased kidneys. The symptoms are—puffiness under the eyes, sallow skin, constant tired feeling, lack of ambition, nervous condition, backache, rheumatic pains, sore muscles, stiff joints.

Foley Kidney Pills

get right at the cause of suffering and misery, regulate the kidneys and bladder and restore the diseased organs to sound and healthy condition.

Mrs. Wm. Fincher, 278 Woodhouse Ave., Louisville, Ky., writes: "I am just getting along fine. I am taking Foley Kidney Pills every other night. You should have seen me before I started. I was yellow as gold, now my eyes and skin are all cleared up. My kidneys do not bother me at right any more. If it will help someone who is suffering you may use my name wherever your medicine is advertised."

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A Self-Explanatory Statement

At the close of business, February 21, 1921

I. Cash, and U. S. Bonds Carried as Legal Reserve \$ 239,802.91

Gold, bank notes, and specie on hand and with legal depositories returnable on demand; and U. S. Government bonds, the best securities on earth

II. Loans to Individuals and Corporations 732,718.68

This is the amount we have loaned (after thorough investigation) to individuals and corporations on their notes and against approved collateral.

III. Items in Transit 38,488.61

Temporary loans on bill-of-lading drafts and other securities being collected through corresponding banks.

IV. Mortgages on Real Estate 464,671.72

These consist of first mortgages on high class real estate worth at least twice the amount of the mortgage.

V. Overdrafts 655.70

Checks we have honored in accommodation to customers who failed to get their deposit to the bank to cover before the close of business for the day.

VI. Banking House and Fixtures 32,000.00

* Real estate, bank building, vaults and equipment used by the bank in conducting its business, appraised at an amount in excess of this book value.

VII. Outside Checks and Other Cash Items 195.47

Too late for clearance so held over and entered in the business of the following day.

TOTAL ASSETS \$1,508,543.09

I. Total Deposits Entrusted to Us February 21, 1921 \$1,293,372.55

The officers and directors always have this in mind when making loans and see to it that the assets are in such form as to enable them to meet all requirements and demands of depositors.

II. Capital Stock, Surplus, and Undivided Profits and Amount Reserved for Depreciation on Bldg. & Bonds 215,170.54

Which becomes the property of the stockholders after the depositors are paid in full, and is a guarantee fund upon which we solicit new deposits and retain those which have been carried with us for many years.

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$1,508,543.09

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